

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED
U.S. 17 HAMPSTEAD BYPASS

TIP Project No. R-3300

New Hanover and Pender Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation proposes to construct a bypass of U.S. 17 around Hampstead. NCDOT will hold a meeting to update the public about the bypass project on **Thursday, August 15**, from **4 – 7 p.m.** at **Topsail High School**, located at **245 N. St. Johns Church Road** in **Hampstead**.

The purpose of the meeting is to present information about changes to the U.S. 17 Hampstead Bypass design. In response to citizens' comments, NCDOT has explored options for providing access to existing U.S. 17 north of Topsail High School from the proposed bypass. The purpose of the meeting is to present the revised preliminary design, which now incorporates access north of the school. A supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) will be completed in Fall 2013. The supplemental DEIS will be placed on the project's website for public review and input at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/US17HampsteadBypass/>.

Interested citizens may attend at any time during the meeting hours, as there will be no formal presentation. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. Citizens will also have the opportunity to submit comments and questions in writing. The comments and information received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

For more information, contact Kim Gillespie, Project Planning Engineer, NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit, by phone: (919) 707-6023 or by email: kgillespie@ncdot.gov. Citizens may also contact consultant Liz Kovasckitz, with Mulkey Engineers and Consultants, at (919) 858-1808 or by email: lkovasckitz@mulkeyinc.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT Public Involvement Group Leader, at (919) 707-6085 as early as possible, so arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.